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METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR REDUCING IMPURITIES IN

CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR MANUFACTURE OF FIBER REINFORCED CEMENT COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Examiner

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Response to Office Action Mailed January 20, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004 ("Office Action").

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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